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MILLEDGEVILLE, GA., MARCH 8 (AP)-U2 PILOT FRANCIS GARY POWERS IS BEING GIVEN A ROUTINE CHECKUP IN A WASHINGTON, D.C., HOSPITAL BEFORE COMING TO GEORGIA IN A WEEK OR TEN DAYS, HIS WIFE SAID TODAY.

THE 28-YEAR-OLD MRS. BARBARA POWERS SAID SHE EXPECTED TO LEARN WITHIN A DAY OR TWO WHEN POWERS WILL JOIN HER IN THIS MIDDLE GEORGIA CITY.

AT WASHINGTON, OFFICIALS OF GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL SAID POWERS IS BEING GIVEN A ROUTINE MEDICAL EXAMINATION BY DR. W. PROCTOR HARVEY, STAFF INTERNIST SPECIALIZING IN CARDIOLOGY.

THE EXAMINATION IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ONLY A FEW DAYS BUT OFFICIALS DECLINED TO SAY WHEN POWERS WILL BE RELEASED.

MEANWHILE, MRS. POWERS SAID "WE'RE SPRING CLEANING" IN PREPARATION FOR HIS VISIT.

WHILE NO DEFINITE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE, SHE SAID "HE LOVES TO FISH, AND WE'RE PLANNING A FAMILY REUNION. THERE ARE NIECES AND NEPHEWS HE'S NEVER SEEN."

FUTURE PLANS ARE STILL INDEFINITE, SAID MRS. POWERS. "ANYTHING HE WANTS TO DO IS ALL RIGHT WITH ME," SHE SAID.

MRS. POWERS SAID SHE WAS VERY PROUD OF HER HUSBAND'S TESTIMONY DURING HIS APPEARANCE BEFORE A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE.

"MY HUSBAND REALLY HASN'T FELT FREE, YET," SHE SAID. "HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PERSON WHO PUT HIS OBLIGATIONS BEFORE HIS PERSONAL DESIRES. ALL HIS ACTIONS SHOW THIS."

POWERS, CONVICTED BY THE RUSSIANS AS A SPY, WAS RELEASED BY THE SOVIET UNION FEB. 10 IN EXCHANGE FOR RUSSIAN SPY RUDOLF ABEL.

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